

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed March 2, 2004. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 7-9, 15-17, 23-25, and 31-33. Applicants submit that no new subject matter has been added. Applicants further submit that the claims are allowable and respectfully requests favorable action in this Application.

In response to a concern by the Examiner, Applicants point out support for the amendments. Support for certain amendments may be found at page 6 lines 7-10. Moreover, Claim 1 has been amended to include certain limitations of Claim 2, Claim 9 has been amended to include certain limitations of Claim 10, Claim 17 has been amended to include certain limitations of Claim 18, and Claim 25 has been amended to include certain limitations of Claim 26.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Attached herewith is a check in an amount of \$770.00 made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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